

657—23.21 (124,155A) Disposal of previously dispensed controlled substances. Controlled substances dispensed to a resident in a long-term care facility and subsequently requiring disposal due to discontinuance of the drug, death of the resident, or other reasons necessitating disposal shall be disposed of by one of the following methods. Controlled substances shall not be returned to a pharmacy for disposal.

23.21(1) *Disposal in the facility.* In facilities staffed by one or more persons licensed to administer drugs, a licensed health care professional (pharmacist, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse) may dispose of controlled substances in witness of one other responsible adult. The professional disposing of the drug shall prepare and maintain a readily retrievable record of the disposition which shall be clearly marked to indicate the disposition of resident drugs. The record shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- a.* Resident name and unique identification or number assigned by the dispensing pharmacy to the prescription;
- b.* The name, strength, and dosage form of the substance;
- c.* The quantity disposed of;
- d.* The date the substance is disposed of;
- e.* The signature or uniquely identifying initials or other unique identification of the professional and the witness;
- f.* The name and address of the dispensing pharmacy or the dispensing practitioner.

23.21(2) *Authorized collection program within a facility.* Registrants registered with DEA to administer an authorized collection program may install and maintain a collection receptacle in a long-term care facility for the purpose of disposal of prescription drugs, including controlled substances, pursuant to federal regulations, which can be found at http://deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/.